

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sportspersons and non-sportspersons participated in various international sport events abroad during the current financial year;
- (b) the criteria laid down for non-sportspersons to attend such events;
- (c) the number of foreign visits made by Ministry and Sports Authority of India (SAI) officials during the said period; and
- (d) the reasons for facilitating such foreign visits by non-sportspersons by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) & (b) : During the current financial year, the Government has approved the visit of 1878 players, 458 supporting personnel such as coaches, referee/judges/umpires, masseurs, doctors, sports scientists/experts and 26 non-sportspersons such as federation's office bearers, technical/project directors, delegates, head of delegation, etc and 95 managers for various international sports events abroad under the scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations. Non-sportspersons have been selected by the NSFs concerned and the Government does not have any laid down criteria for non-sportspersons.

(c) During the current financial year, 7 official delegations comprising of 6 Ministers/Public representatives, 7 Ministry's officials and 4 senior officials of Sports Authority of India were deputed

(d) The visit of non-sportspersons has been approved at no cost to the Government. National Sports Federations (NSFs) had proposed their visit as observers or for attending meetings coinciding with the sports events etc.